| 1  | BEFORE THE  |                        |
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| 2  | ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMI   | SSION                  |
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| 4  | Illinois Commerce Commission On its own motion -vs-                   | )<br>)<br>) DOCKET NO. |
| 5  | 360networks (USA) Inc., Accutel of Texas, Inc. D/b/a                  | ) 05-0201              |
| 6  | 1-800-4-A-PHONE, Advanced TelCom,<br>Inc. D/b/a Advanced Telcom Group | )                      |
| 7  | d/b/a ATG f/k/a Advanced Telcom Group, Inc., ALLTEL                   | )                      |
| 8  | Communications, Inc., Association Management Resources, Inc., Birch   | )                      |
| 9  | Telecom of the Great Lakes, Inc., BT Communications Sales LLC f/k/a   | )                      |
| 10 | Concert Communications Sales LLC, CI2, Inc., City of Princeton,       | )                      |
| 11 | Cogent Communications of Illinois, Inc. F/k/a Allied Riser            | )<br>)                 |
| 12 | of Illinois, Inc., ComTech<br>Solutions, LLC d/b/a Integrated         | )                      |
| 13 | Connections f/k/a ComTech<br>Solutions, LLC, Covad                    | )<br>)                 |
| 14 | Communications Company, Covista, Inc. F/k/a TotalTel, Inc.,           | )<br>)                 |
| 15 | Cypress Telecommunications Corporation d/b/a Cytel,                   | )                      |
| 16 | dPi-Teleconnect, LLC, Easy Call, Inc., Egyptian Communication         | )                      |
| 17 | Services, Inc., ElPaso Global<br>Networks Company, ElPaso             | )<br>)                 |
| 18 | Networks, LLC, Electric<br>Lightwave, Inc., Epana Networks,           | )                      |
| 19 | Inc., EZ RECONNECT, LLC, FairPoint Communications                     | )                      |
| 20 | Solutions Corp., Flat Rock Communications, Inc., Gridley              | )                      |
| 21 | Communications, Inc., Henry County Communications Services,           | ,<br>)<br>)            |
| 22 | Inc., Home TeleNetworks, Inc.,  | )                      |

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       Illini Telecommunications, Inc.,
       Illinois IntraNetwork, Inc.,
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       Integrated Communications
       Consultants, Inc., Lightspeed
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       Telecom, LLC, Local Fiber, LLC,
       Loop Telecom, LP, Madison Network
       Systems, Inc., Metropolitan
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       Telecommunications of Illinois
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       d/b/a MetTel, Moultrie InfoComm,
       Inc., MTCO Communications, Inc.,
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       Neon Telephone, Inc., NetworkIP,
       LLC, Norlight Telecommunications,
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       Inc., f/k/a NorLight, Inc.,
       Novacon LLC, NTERA, Inc., OnFiber
       Carrier Services, Inc., Pacific
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       Centrex Services, Inc.,
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       PersonalOffice, Inc., Premiere
       Network Services, Inc., Primo
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       Communications, Inc., Primus
       Telecommunications, Inc.,
       Quick-Tel Communications, Inc.,
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       RGT Utilities of California, Inc.,
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       Ripple Communications, Inc., SBA
       Broadband Services, Inc.,
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       ShawneeLink Corporation, SOS
       Telecom, Inc., Supra
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       Telecommunications and Information
       Systems, Inc., Telecourier
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       Communications Corporation,
       TelNet-IL, LLC, Universal Access,
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       Inc., US Signal Company, LLC d/b/a
       RVP Fiber Company, US TelePacific
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       Corp. D/b/a TelePacific
       Communications, Wabash Independent
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       Networks, Inc.
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       Removal of carriers from list of
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       telecommunications carriers for
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       failure to file tariffs for the
       provision of local exchange
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       telecommunication services.
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| 1  | Wednesday, April 27, 2005  |
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| 2  | Springfield, Illinois  |
| 3  | Met, pursuant to notice, at 9:30 a.m.  |
| 4  | BEFORE:  |
| 5  | MR. MICHAEL WALLACE, ALJ   |
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| 10 | Corp., Flat Rock Communications, Inc., Gridley Communications,  |
| 11 | Inc., Henry County Communications Services, Inc., Moultrie InfoComm,                                    |
| 12 | Inc., ShawneeLink Corporation, Wabash Independent Networks, Inc.,                                       |
| 13 | ComTech Solutions, LLC, and Integrated Solutions, LLC.)   |
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| 22 | Communications, Inc. , Lightspeed<br>Telecom, LLC, and City of<br>Princeton.)                           |

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| 21 | SULLIVAN REPORTING CO., by<br>Laurel A. Patkes, Reporter                     |
| 22 | CSR #084-001340  |

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## 1 PROCEEDINGS

- JUDGE WALLACE: Pursuant to the direction of
- 3 the Illinois Commerce Commission, I now call Docket
- 4 05-0201. This is the matter of the Illinois Commerce
- 5 Commission, on its own motion, versus 360networks
- 6 (USA), et al.
- 7 This is a citation to remove carriers
- 8 from the list of telecommunications carriers for
- 9 failure to file tariffs for the provision of local
- 10 exchange telecommunications services.
- 11 May I have the appearances for the
- 12 record, please? And we will start with those in
- 13 Chicago.
- 14 MS. SHARP: Elizabeth Sharp on behalf of Loop
- 15 Telecom, LP.
- 16 JUDGE WALLACE: I'm sorry, Ms. Sharp. You're
- 17 appearing on behalf of who?
- 18 MS. SHARP: Loop Telecom, LP, L-o-o-p, like the
- 19 Chicago loop, Your Honor.
- 20 MR. KELLY: Henry Kelly with Kelly, Dry &
- 21 Warren, appearing on behalf of Covad Communications
- 22 and OnFiber.

- 1 MR. LOPEZ: Nelson Lopez on behalf of Personal
- 2 Office, Inc.
- 3 MS. BEDOYA: Diana Bedoya (B-e-d-o-y-a) on
- 4 behalf of Easy Call, Inc. And Fernando Bedoya on
- 5 behalf of Easy Call, Inc.
- 6 MR. HAWA: Kemal Hawa from Chadbourne & Park on
- 7 behalf of US Signal d/b/a RVP Fiber Company.
- JUDGE WALLACE: Ms. Sharp, would you give your
- 9 address, please?
- 10 MS. SHARP: Certainly. 330 South Wells Street,
- 11 Suite 706, Chicago, 60606.
- 12 JUDGE WALLACE: And Mr. Kelly?
- 13 MR. KELLY: My address is 333 West Wacker
- 14 Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60606.
- JUDGE WALLACE: Mr. Lopez?
- 16 MR. LOPEZ: The address is 251 North Milwaukee
- 17 Avenue, Buffalo Grove, Illinois 60089.
- JUDGE WALLACE: And Ms. Bedoya?
- 19 MS. BEDOYA: 4212 West Lawrence Avenue,
- 20 Chicago, 60630.
- JUDGE WALLACE: And Mr. Hawa?
- MR. HAWA: Chadbourne & Park, 1200 New

- 1 Hampshire Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036.
- JUDGE WALLACE: Now we'll do the appearances in
- 3 Springfield.
- 4 MR. RUBINKOWSKI: Conrad S. Rubinkowski, staff
- of the Illinois Commerce Commission, 527 East Capitol
- 6 Avenue, Springfield, Illinois 62701.
- 7 MR. MUNCY: Dennis K. Muncy, 306 West Church
- 8 Street, Champaign, Illinois 61820.
- 9 Your Honor, I'm entering appearances
- 10 and filed entries of appearance previously for the
- 11 following companies: Egyptian Communication
- 12 Services, Inc., FairPoint Communications Solutions
- 13 Corp., Flat Rock Communications, Inc., Gridley
- 14 Communications, Inc., Henry County Communications
- 15 Services, Inc., Moultrie InfoComm, Inc., ShawneeLink
- 16 Corporation, Wabash Independent Networks, Inc.,
- 17 ComTech Solutions, LLC, and Integrated Solutions,
- 18 LLC.
- 19 MR. SAVILLE: Your Honor, Kevin Saville on
- 20 behalf of Electric Lightwave, Inc. My address is
- 21 2378 Wilshire Boulevard, Mound, Minnesota 55364.
- 22 MR. FODOR: Troy Fodor and E. M. Fulton, Jr.

- 1 Our business address is 913 South Sixth Street,
- 2 Springfield, Illinois. The zip code is 62703. We
- 3 are appearing on behalf of Home TeleNetworks, Inc.
- 4 Our second client in this matter, Your Honor, is MTCO
- 5 communications, Inc. Third is Lightspeed Telecom,
- 6 LLC, and fourth is the City of Princeton.
- 7 JUDGE WALLACE: All right. Are there any other
- 8 appearances?
- 9 Let the record reflect there
- 10 are no other appearances at today's hearing.
- We engaged in an off-the-record
- 12 discussion concerning this. I will note that these
- 13 are slightly different citations than what both the
- 14 Commission and the parties are probably used to.
- 15 The citation basically or the order
- 16 directs the listed companies to appear here today to
- 17 basically show the Commission why the certificates of
- 18 service authority should not be rescinded.
- 19 I have motions to dismiss filed by
- 20 Mr. Fodor and Mr. Fulton on behalf of the City of
- 21 Princeton and MTCO Communications.
- 22 Do any of the other parties on the

- 1 phone wish to file any responsive pleadings, either
- 2 motions to dismiss or a response to the order?
- MR. KELLY: Your Honor, this is Hank Kelly on
- 4 behalf of Covad Communications and OnFiber.
- 5 Our two clients would like an
- 6 opportunity to respond to the citation.
- 7 We know that we're already a month
- 8 into the process but if possible, we would like a
- 9 week or so to be able to file a written response.
- 10 JUDGE WALLACE: All right.
- 11 MS. SHARP: Your Honor, Elizabeth Sharp on
- 12 behalf of Loop Telecom.
- 13 I would like to have an opportunity to
- 14 file a written response.
- I will tell you I'm leaving this
- 16 afternoon and I'm going to be gone for a week, so I'm
- 17 going to need more than just a week to respond, and I
- 18 would ask for two and a half weeks to be able to
- 19 complete my investigation of matters and file a
- 20 written response.
- 21 MR. LOPEZ: Your Honor, Nelson Lopez on behalf
- 22 of Personal Office, Inc.

- 1 I'd like to get a chance to do a
- 2 response also.
- We did have our tariff ready, and we
- 4 are ready to file it at any moment, so we would like
- 5 to the opportunity to do that.
- 6 MR. HAWA: Judge Wallace, this is Kemal Hawa
- 7 from Chadbourne.
- I would like the opportunity to make
- 9 an oral motion to dismiss and then determine whether
- or not any further pleadings are necessary.
- 11 I think an oral motion to dismiss
- 12 would be appropriate because our client has acted in
- 13 accordance with the law at all points, and it would
- 14 save us legal resources to not have to file a written
- 15 response if you're favorably persuaded.
- 16 Should I proceed with a brief argument
- 17 now? I can keep it very brief.
- 18 JUDGE WALLACE: Just a minute.
- Well, first of all, Mr. Rubinkowski?
- 20 MR. RUBINKOWSKI: Staff would, of course, like
- 21 to respond to any oral argument this morning but also
- 22 reserve the right to file a written response to any

- 1 oral argument.
- JUDGE WALLACE: Okay. Let's go on around to
- 3 see if others want to file anything, Mr. Hawa.
- 4 MR. HAWA: Okay.
- 5 MS. BEDOYA: Your Honor, this is Diana Bedoya
- on behalf of Easy Call, Inc.
- 7 We also have our tariffs ready, and I
- 8 also have an argument that I would like to give right
- 9 now.
- 10 JUDGE WALLACE: All right. Is anyone else in
- 11 Chicago?
- 12 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: That's it.
- 13 JUDGE WALLACE: Springfield?
- 14 MR. FODOR: Your Honor, as you know, we filed
- 15 two motions to dismiss yesterday evening after 5.
- 16 Our two other clients would like the
- 17 brief period that the other parties have mentioned to
- 18 either move to dismiss or file some response in the
- interest of clarity making sure that any order
- 20 entered doesn't remove other certificates that they
- 21 have authority on.
- JUDGE WALLACE: And that would be for

- 1 Lightspeed and Home TeleNetworks?
- 2 MR. FODOR: Yes.
- JUDGE WALLACE: All right.
- 4 Mr. Saville, we had discussed that
- 5 your company has something else on file. You would
- 6 like that to go forward, so I suppose that we could
- 7 wait on Electric Lightwave to see what happens in
- 8 your other docket, 05-0190. Is that the right
- 9 number?
- 10 MR. SAVILLE: Yes, that's correct, Your Honor.
- 11 JUDGE WALLACE: Okay.
- MR. SAVILLE: I mean, I would be prepared to
- 13 make an oral motion now to be dismissed from this
- 14 proceeding pending that other proceeding or I could
- 15 file a written motion, whichever would be your
- 16 preference, Your Honor.
- 17 JUDGE WALLACE: Okay.
- And Mr. Muncy?
- 19 MR. MUNCY: Your Honor, I would like to have
- 20 the opportunity for the clients that I have entered
- 21 an appearance for to first review with them some of
- 22 the motions that are being filed by other parties,

- 1 but I would also, and consistent with my earlier
- discussion, like the opportunity to at least file
- 3 some brief response in regard to the multiple
- 4 certificate issue which we discussed off the record
- 5 just to make certain that there is not any
- 6 inadvertent errors in cancelling interexchange
- 7 authority which has been exercised by the companies
- 8 as a part of this proceeding.
- 9 JUDGE WALLACE: All right then.
- 10 Okay. At this point, Mr. Hawa, if you
- 11 want to go ahead with just a brief -- if it's going
- 12 to be a brief motion, I'll take it. If it's going to
- 13 be long, I'd just as soon as have it in writing.
- MR. HAWA: I'll keep it brief then.
- 15 JUDGE WALLACE: All right.
- 16 MR. HAWA: Thank you, Judge Wallace.
- 17 US Signal has at all times acted in
- 18 accordance with the law.
- 19 There are two operative provisions,
- 20 Section 13.401(a) and 13.501.
- 21 13.401(a) states that the authority
- 22 that is given to a carrier must be exercised within

- 1 two years of its issuance. Otherwise it's null and
- 2 void.
- 3 US Signal has, in fact, exercised its
- 4 authority in many ways. The authority converted to
- 5 public utility status and thus the power of eminent
- 6 domain.
- 7 US Signal is in the business of
- 8 building a data transport network and does not
- 9 provide regulated telecommunications services over
- 10 that network, but to construct, to dig up the streets
- 11 and deploy a network, you need the power of eminent
- domain; you need to obtain franchises; you need to
- interconnect with other incumbent carriers.
- 14 Without a certificate, you couldn't
- 15 interconnect either. You need access to poles,
- 16 ducts, conduits, and rights-of-way which are only
- 17 attainable through the exercise of your authority.
- To keep it brief, in short, 13.401(a)
- 19 does not say within two years of the issuance of your
- 20 certificate the certificate holder must provide the
- 21 services that are specified in the certificate but
- 22 rather only exercise the certificate.

- 1 If the Illinois legislature had meant
- 2 to say that you had to provide the services that are
- 3 authorized in the certificate, it would have said so.
- 4 As for Section 13.501, it says no
- 5 telecommunications carrier shall offer or provide
- 6 telecommunications services until a tariff is filed.
- 7 US Signal has not filed a tariff, and
- 8 it also has not yet provided any telecommunication
- 9 services, so it's in accordance with that provision.
- 10 If US Signal was to expand its service
- 11 offerings from data transport, which are unregulated,
- 12 to regulated telecommunication service offerings, it
- will file a tariff prior to doing so.
- 14 For those reasons, I respectfully
- 15 request that this proceeding with respect to US
- 16 Signal be dismissed.
- 17 JUDGE WALLACE: All right.
- 18 Mr. Rubinkowski?
- 19 MR. RUBINKOWSKI: Very briefly.
- You don't need a certificate unless
- 21 you want to offer telecommunications services. The
- 22 essence of a telecommunications carrier in the State

- of Illinois is some entity that's going to be
- 2 providing telecommunications services.
- 3 You can't file or you can't provide
- 4 services without the filing of a tariff.
- 5 It's all well and good that you are in
- 6 the business that you're in right now, but by your
- 7 own admission, these are not telecommunication
- 8 services that are regulated by the State of Illinois.
- 9 The word exercise is the same word
- 10 that has been used in either the current act or the
- 11 predecessor act since at least 1921.
- 12 If you're looking at original intent,
- 13 exercise of an authority to provide telecommunication
- 14 services I think to the person looking at that law
- would mean if you are going to exercise an authority
- 16 to provide telecommunication services, you're going
- 17 to be providing telecommunication services which by
- law you cannot offer until you've got a tariff on
- 19 file.
- Therefore, staff would oppose the
- 21 motion to dismiss.
- JUDGE WALLACE: Okay. Thank you.

- 1 MR. HAWA: Judge Wallace, may I briefly
- 2 respond?
- JUDGE WALLACE: Very, very briefly.
- 4 MR. HAWA: It seems to me the staff has
- 5 conceded my point in saying that the statute does not
- 6 say and since 1921 it has not said that the
- 7 certificate holder has to provide the services
- 8 specified in the certificate within two years. It
- 9 says exercise, and the Illinois legislature has said
- 10 that for nearly a hundred years now, and it could
- 11 have changed it at any point.
- 12 Again, to provide the services that US
- 13 Signal provides, the construction of a data
- 14 fiberoptic network, you could not do so without a
- 15 certificate to provide local exchange services
- 16 because you need the power of eminent domain, you
- 17 need access, rights-of-way, poles, ducts, conduits,
- 18 and to interconnect with other carriers which are
- 19 things you cannot do absent the certificate that US
- 20 Signal holds.
- 21 But, again, I think also staff has
- 22 conceded that US Signal is not in violation of

- 1 Section 13.501 of the act because, again, if US
- 2 Signal is providing the services it says it is, then
- 3 it would have no need to have filed a tariff by now
- 4 because the statute says you file a tariff prior to
- 5 providing regulated telecommunication services.
- 6 JUDGE WALLACE: Okay. Thank you.
- 7 Going on, Ms. Bedoya, you wanted to
- 8 make an oral statement?
- 9 MS. BEDOYA: Yes, Your Honor.
- I was under the same I guess
- 11 misunderstanding as well.
- 12 JUDGE WALLACE: All right. Ms. Bedoya, can you
- move to closer to the speaker, please?
- 14 MS. BEDOYA: Sure. Is that better?
- 15 JUDGE WALLACE: Yes.
- MS. BEDOYA: Okay. I guess I was under the
- 17 same misunderstanding as well.
- 18 Easy Call, Inc. Is a reseller of SBC.
- 19 What we're doing is that we're going through SBC just
- 20 for the local service, and that's the only thing that
- 21 we're providing.
- 22 The SBC only gives us the dial tone

- 1 itself, but then we're switching it over to another
- 2 reseller. That too is why we haven't filed a tariff
- 3 because Easy Call, Inc. Itself is not the one
- 4 providing the service. We're going through a
- 5 different reseller.
- And again, I was under the impression
- 7 that the tariff is only filed if we're the ones
- 8 providing the service.
- 9 JUDGE WALLACE: All right.
- 10 MR. RUBINKOWSKI: I think the definition of
- 11 telecommunication services is pretty broad in this
- 12 state, and I think it's broad enough to include what
- 13 you're doing.
- 14 Again, if you aren't doing something
- 15 you thought required a certificate or if you don't
- have to file tariffs, why did you need the
- 17 certificate? That's kind of what it boils down to.
- 18 MS. BEDOYA: Well, I can respond to that
- 19 easily.
- 20 About three years ago in the State of
- 21 Illinois when we were trying to go through SBC to
- 22 become a reseller or to actually be a reseller of

- 1 SBC, we needed to have a certificate. Actually, this
- 2 was five years ago.
- 3 About two or three years ago, the
- 4 change came into effect where ELECs like ourself
- 5 weren't able to have a lot of the services that other
- 6 ILECs were able to have, so in order for us to resell
- 7 through another company, we need the certificate in
- 8 order to resell through another company, but again,
- 9 the tariffs weren't filed because we weren't
- 10 providing the service itself.
- 11 So I guess maybe it's a
- 12 miscommunication on behalf of SBC's part, but, you
- 13 know, we were under the impression --
- 14 MR. RUBINKOWSKI: Well, I'm not going to
- 15 believe that SBC would ever give out anything that
- isn't absolutely gospel.
- 17 MS. BEDOYA: Oh, no, no. That I understand,
- 18 but I mean, that's the information that we received.
- 19 That's why we needed the certificate, in order to
- 20 resell through them or through another company.
- 21 JUDGE WALLACE: All right. Thank you,
- Ms. Bedoya.

- 1 And Mr. Lopez, did you wish to make a
- 2 statement?
- 3 MR. LOPEZ: No. I just wanted to file a motion
- 4 to dismiss or respond to, give me about a week to
- 5 respond, but we do have our tariff.
- We did send the tariffs into the
- 7 Illinois Commerce Commission before we received a
- 8 notice, and we do have notice -- it got crossed in
- 9 the mail but we sent the tariff.
- 10 After we sent the tariff, we got the
- 11 notification of this hearing.
- So we do have proof that we did send
- in the tariff before we got notification of this
- 14 hearing.
- JUDGE WALLACE: Okay. All right.
- And Mr. Saville, you can go ahead and
- 17 make an oral motion if you want.
- 18 MR. SAVILLE: Thank you, Your Honor.
- 19 Electric Lightwave Inc. Would just
- 20 move that it be dismissed from this proceeding, Your
- Honor.
- 22 Electric Lightwave, Inc. Has

- 1 previously been granted two certificates, one as a
- 2 facility-based provider, one as a reseller.
- We filed an application to withdraw
- 4 those certificates with the Commission on
- 5 March 21st.
- I've a stamped acknowledgement from
- 7 the clerk's office dated the 22nd of March which
- 8 precedes the date of this Commission's order in this
- 9 docket by one day.
- 10 In that application that was filed,
- 11 we'd ask that our two certificates be withdrawn and
- 12 that a new certificate be issued for resale to the
- 13 entity that was formerly known as Electric Lightwave,
- 14 Inc. And which has now been converted to an LLC,
- 15 Electric Lightwave, LLC.
- So we'd move that we be dismissed from
- 17 this docket, Your Honor, and be allowed to proceed in
- 18 the other docket which is Docket 05-0190.
- 19 JUDGE WALLACE: All right.
- 20 MR. HAWA: Judge Wallace, it's Kemal Hawa. If
- 21 I could add just two more points, and I promise to
- 22 keep it very brief and then I'll be done.

- 1 JUDGE WALLACE: All right. Go ahead.
- 2 MR. HAWA: First, it's a venerable principle of
- 3 statutory construction that ambiguity in the statute
- 4 be resolved in favor of the party against whom the
- 5 administrative agency seeks to enforce it.
- I think, based on not only my argument
- 7 but the staff has also conceded, that the statute is
- 8 ambiguous. It says exercise, and it doesn't say
- 9 exercise the specific authority that's been
- 10 authorized.
- 11 The second point that I wanted to
- 12 make...
- 13 Unfortunately, it's slipping my mind
- 14 so I may have to let that one go.
- Thank you.
- 16 JUDGE WALLACE: Okay.
- 17 MR. RUBINKOWSKI: Can I respond?
- 18 JUDGE WALLACE: Go ahead.
- 19 MR. RUBINKOWSKI: Just getting back to the...
- 20 I just think a written motion is really necessary
- 21 here.
- 22 The statement by counsel would seem to

- 1 indicate that these certificates could just go on
- 2 forever without any type of offering of
- 3 telecommunication services.
- 4 I think the argument that they need it
- 5 for eminent domain is not well-taken.
- 6 Sure, they may need it for eminent
- 7 domain. They need eminent domain if a party is not
- 8 willing to grant them the easement rights that they
- 9 feel are necessary.
- This is a matter of arm's length
- 11 bargaining, and they're trying to get a little more
- 12 oomph on their side of the bargaining it seems.
- 13 I just, again, on behalf of staff,
- 14 oppose the oral motion to dismiss.
- 15 JUDGE WALLACE: Okay.
- 16 MR. HAWA: Judge Wallace, the Commission has
- 17 approved the interconnection agreement that --
- 18 JUDGE WALLACE: I've had enough oral argument.
- 19 I think that we are getting into the point where if
- 20 you want to make something in writing, that's fine.
- 21 All right. What I'm going to do now
- is I'm going to allow Ms. Sharp's request. You have

- 1 two and a half weeks to file something with the
- 2 Commission, a response, motion to dismiss, whatever
- 3 you want to entitle it.
- 4 Then Mr. Rubinkowski on behalf of
- 5 staff can have time to respond to those.
- I'm going to set this over to June
- 7 15th for a further status hearing.
- 8 MS. BEDOYA: Your Honor, does that include the
- 9 sending of the tariff if we already have them ready?
- 10 JUDGE WALLACE: No.
- 11 MS. BEDOYA: Does that include the two and a
- 12 half week period?
- 13 JUDGE WALLACE: Ma'am, the Commission has
- 14 prohibited carriers from sending in tariffs at this
- 15 time, so you're not supposed to send in any tariffs
- 16 until the Commission acts further in this matter.
- MS. BEDOYA: Okay.
- JUDGE WALLACE: Now, at this point I'm going to
- 19 bore everyone.
- 20 I would note for the record that the
- 21 following carriers have not appeared in today's
- 22 hearing.

- 1 MR. KELLY: Your Honor, before you do that, can
- 2 I make a statement on behalf of Birch Communications?
- JUDGE WALLACE: Who is this?
- 4 MR. KELLY: This is Hank Kelly. I'm sorry.
- 5 I spoke with representatives of Birch
- 6 Communications yesterday. They were certified some
- 7 time ago. They are not currently providing services
- 8 in Illinois and have never provided services in
- 9 Illinois. They are comfortable with the Commission's
- 10 conclusion that their certificate be declared null
- and void and pursuant to the statute, but they didn't
- 12 want the Commission to get the misimpression that
- 13 they were totally blowing off this proceeding.
- 14 I didn't file a formal appearance on
- 15 their behalf because I wasn't authorized to do so.
- 16 However, they did wish that I convey that message.
- JUDGE WALLACE: And, you know, we won't hold it
- 18 against them.
- 19 MR. KELLY: Thank you.
- JUDGE WALLACE: Thank you.
- 21 As I was saying, the following
- 22 carriers have not appeared in today's hearing:

- 1 360networks (USA) Inc., AccuTel of Texas Inc. Doing
- 2 business as 1-800-4-A-PHONE, Advanced TelCom, Inc.
- 3 Doing business as Advanced Telcom Group doing
- 4 business as ATG formerly known as Advanced Telcom
- 5 Group, Inc., ALLTEL Communications, Inc., Association
- 6 Management Resources, Inc., Birch Telecom of the
- 7 Great Lakes, Inc., noting Mr. Kelly's statement, BT
- 8 Communications Sales LLC, CI2, Inc., Cogent
- 9 Communications of Illinois, Inc., Cypress
- 10 Telecommunications Corporation d/b/a Cytel,
- 11 dPi-Teleconnect, LLC, El Paso Global Networks
- 12 Company, El Paso Networks, LLC, Epana Networks, Inc.,
- 13 EZ RECONNECT, LLC, IlliCom Telecommunications, Inc.,
- 14 Illinois IntraNetwork, Inc.
- Now, this is where I got confused.
- 16 Did you enter an appearance, Mr. Muncy, on behalf of
- 17 Integrated Communications?
- MR. MUNCY: I entered an appearance for
- 19 Integrated Solutions, LLC.
- 20 JUDGE WALLACE: Okay. So Integrated
- 21 Communications Consultants, Inc., Kayla
- 22 Communications, Inc., Local Fiber LLC, Madison

- 1 Network Systems, Inc., Metropolitan
- 2 Telecommunications of Illinois d/b/a MetTel, Neon
- 3 Telephone, Inc., NetworkIP, LLC, Norlight
- 4 Telecommunications, Inc., Novacon LLC, NTERA, Inc.,
- 5 Pacific Centrex Services, Inc., Premiere Network
- 6 Services, Inc., Primo Communications, Inc., Primus
- 7 Telecommunications, Inc., Quick-Tel Communications,
- 8 Inc., RGT Utilities of California, Inc., Ripple
- 9 Communications, Inc., SBA Broadband Services, Inc.,
- 10 SOS Telecom, Inc., Supra Telecommunications and
- 11 Information Systems, Inc., Telecourier Communications
- 12 Corporation, TelNet-IL, LLC, Universal Access, Inc.,
- 13 US TelePacific Corp. Doing business as TelePacific
- 14 Communications, and that's it.
- MR. RUBINKOWSKI: Excuse me, Judge. I believe,
- 16 I don't think you named Covista, Inc. Formerly known
- 17 as TotalTel, Inc.
- 18 JUDGE WALLACE: You're right. I skipped over
- 19 them. Covista, Inc. Formerly known as TotalTel, Inc.
- 20 And, Mr. Muncy, I'm sorry, you did
- 21 enter an appearance on ComTech Solutions, LLC?
- MR. MUNCY: Yes, sir.

- 1 JUDGE WALLACE: Doing business as Integrated
- 2 Connections?
- 3 MR. MUNCY: Yes, sir.
- 4 JUDGE WALLACE: Formerly known as ComTech
- 5 Solutions, LLC?
- 6 MR. MUNCY: Let me look at the list again.
- JUDGE WALLACE: While you're looking, I will
- 8 note for the record that the chief clerk and
- 9 Mr. Rubinkowski received a communication from Cogent
- 10 Communications of Illinois, Inc. Saying that they
- 11 were surrendering their certificate.
- MR. MUNCY: The answer is yes.
- JUDGE WALLACE: Okay.
- 14 The list of carriers I just read --
- 15 and thank you for bearing with me -- did not appear
- 16 at today's hearing and their certificate will be
- 17 rescinded.
- Now, I've already set a schedule.
- 19 We'll come back June 15th at 10 o'clock.
- 20 If people want to appear by telephone,
- 21 that is fine except someone needs to set up a bridge
- 22 that others can use.

- If anyone wants to do that, e-mail me
- 2 and let me know ahead of time.
- 3 So in the meantime, everyone has two
- 4 and a half weeks to file a response and/or motion to
- 5 dismiss to the citation order.
- 6 MS. SHARP: Mr. Wallace, that would be
- 7 May 13th, is that correct?
- 8 JUDGE WALLACE: I have no calendar. I'll take
- 9 your word for it, May 13th.
- 10 Mr. Rubinkowski has to get back with
- 11 staff on some of these things so we'll leave it up
- 12 to -- I don't know how much time you'll want to
- 13 respond.
- 14 MR. RUBINKOWSKI: I don't know how many I'll
- 15 have to deal with yet.
- 16 JUDGE WALLACE: Right. So we'll hold that time
- 17 frame up but we will have a status on
- 18 June 15th.
- Does anyone else have anything they
- want to bring up at today's hearing?
- 21 All right. Hearing none, we are
- 22 adjourned until June 15th at 10 a.m.

| 1  | Thank you very much.         |  |
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| 2  | (Whereupon the hearing was   |  |
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